be atleast 10'xlO'. Railways were advised to undertake a review of the size of the existing book-stalls at major railway stations and try standardisation.

**Parcels/Packets of Books, Magazines lost at Delhi and New Delhi** stations

2762. SHRI r VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the detail of parcels/packets of Books/Magazines lost during transit from Parcel Offices at ' Delhi and New Delhi stations during the last three years; and also the detail of amount paid in shape of claims to the publishers/distributors during this period;

(b) what action has been taken against the'staff found responsible for such losses; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to avert such type of losses/claims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF' THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS •(SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A statement is attached (See below);

(b) The staff found responsible for such losses have been taken up suitably.

(c) Proper packing, marking and labelling of consignments as also proper preparation of documents is ensured to avoid mis-despatches.. Proper pad-locking of brake-vans and luggage-vans is also" done to prevent theff in transit. Besides, staff are being suitably taken up for dereliction of duty.

\ Statement

| Year / | No. of claims preferred for Loss of Parcels Packers of books/ magazines at Delhi and Mew Delhi stations. | Amount paid (in lacs) |
|---|---|---|
| 1986-87 . . . | 427 | 1.18 |
| 1987-88 | 480 | 0.85 |
| 1988-89 | | 1.23 |

**Insufficient Staff at Jind Loco Shed in Haryana**

2763. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be' pleased to state:

(a) whether the staff posted at Jind Loco Shed in Haryana is not sufficient as per the norms .fixed by Railways to attend Steam Engines in that shed;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that instead of increasing the staff there, Government propose to convert those Steam Engines into Diesel Engines;

(d) if so, what is the expenditure involved and time likely to be taken in the entire process; and

(,e) how and where the Steam Engine Staff is likely to be absorbed/-transferred after conversion of Steam Engines into Diesel Engines?